

## CG's Thanksgiving Message

I want to begin this holiday message by saying thank you to all the Marines, sailors, civilian Marines, Coast Guardsmen and all our families of Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region.

Thanksgiving has been described as the one “truly American holiday.” It is a time for all Americans to contemplate what they have and acknowledge those who provide it. All Marines, sailors, civilian Marines and Coast Guardsmen aboard the depot can be assured that you are in the thoughts of millions of American citizens on this day. They give thanks for the sacrifices you make to ensure their freedoms and keep them safe. They try to understand the hardships you endure in combat, the friends you have lost, and the families that you don't see enough. You are the bedrock of a nation that is dedicated to making the world a better place.

I am thankful for the dedication of every service member aboard the depot. The hard work of our drill instructors and recruiters ensures the future of the Marines Corps, and for that we can all give thanks. We should all remember those overseas and in combat today, those who will not be able to spend the day with their families. Give thanks for their service and sacrifice and keep them in your thoughts.

Enjoy this holiday break and celebrate it wisely. Remember to keep yourself safe and look out for others. Our core values of honor, courage, and commitment follow us wherever we go. Happy Thanksgiving and Semper Fidelis!

*A. Salinas*

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Brigadier General  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General



A static display of a car accident sits for all to see just inside gate two of the depot. The display offers a visual deterrent to not drink and drive and to always wear a seatbelt.

## Depot focuses on traditional Thanksgiving safety issues

BY GUNNERY SGT. LAURA  
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There are traditional safety issues associated with the long Thanksgiving holiday. Driving under the influence of alcohol, underage drinking and vehicle accidents on and off the depot remain significant safety issues.

Although DUI arrests have decreased on the depot from 12 in 2007 to one this year, drunk driving remains a significant issue for Marines who leave base for the holidays, said 1st Lt. Gunnar A. Spafford, operations officer, Provost Marshal's Office. Veterans Day kicks off the long holiday season through Thanksgiving and Marines want to have a good time, Spafford said. Drinking alcohol is almost always involved with safety violations.

The reduction in DUIs on base is due to the diligence of the depot's DUI checkpoints and the threat of losing one's career if arrested, said Spafford.

“I think a lot of the reduction has to do with awareness,” he said. “If you come through the gate drunk, you're (career) is done. The base has three checkpoints at the gates which are 100 percent staffed. Our gates are our control points.”

The penalty for drinking and

driving on base is reporting the incident to the violator's command; losing driving privileges on base for a year; and having to attend traffic court. Reinstatement of their base driving privileges is left to the discretion of the base traffic magistrate.

Depot vehicle accidents have increased, said Spafford.

“We have one-to-two traffic accidents per week on base,” said Spafford.

The accidents are often fender-benders and are not major due to the slow speed limit. And with holiday shopping comes increased traffic and accidents, he said.

The long holiday break also entices Marines to travel off base to further destinations, such as Tijuana.

More than 600 people have been killed in Tijuana this year, where high crime rates related to drug violence have been recorded in the last two months.

There have been no incidents of depot Marines reported, said Spafford.

“If going to Tijuana, be vigilant with your surroundings,” said Headquarters Company First Sergeant Donald R. Bal, Jr. “If you're staying there for a significant length of time, you should at least check in with the American embassy; and ensure you have emergency

contact numbers, including the Navy Shore Patrol based at the Mexico/U.S. Border.”

According to battalion order 1050.1, all personnel on liberty in the Mexican border areas must use the “buddy system.” In addition, all lance corporals and below must have a signed authorization form from NAVPERS 1336\_3. Additionally, company commanders will retain copies of Mexico liberty forms for 15 days.

Personnel who reside in the Mexican border area must also inform their commanding officer and provide proof of a residence in the area. In these cases, the commanding officer is authorized to grant exception to the restrictions.

After normal working hours, the base officer of the day can authorize a pass, but only after ensuring the company first sergeant and section representative are aware of the liberty request. The BOOD will retain a copy of all signed forms and keep a log when authorizing after-hours liberty for lance corporals and below.

During the holidays, the most important safety tip is to know your area, be aware and have a plan beforehand.

“Those who go minute-by-minute get into trouble,” he said.

## Civilian police augment PMO

BY CPL. KEVIN M. KNALLAY  
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Visitors of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego are seeing some new faces in new uniforms guarding at the gates. The new civilian military police officers are now part of the depot Provost Marshal's Office.

A new Marine Corps-wide program, Marine Corps Civilian Police, is designed to reduce the operational stress on Marine

Corps military police, and enhance security and police services across the Marine Corps, according to the programs website, [www.usmccle.com](http://www.usmccle.com).

Currently the depot has seven civilian police officers. The goal is to reach 27 total by fiscal year 2011. The depot currently hires about nine per fiscal year.

Civilian officers train for 356 hours during nine weeks on

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# Blood Drive

Depot civilian lab technician Kenneth Leviste prepares to draw blood from Cpl David Avalos, Support Battalion, inside the Naval Medical Center San Diego bloodmobile during the Armed Services Blood Program's Blood Drive Nov. 18 at the depot. Avalos was one of many Marines who gave blood benefiting the military both at home and in the theater of operation. The Blood Donor Center at NMCS D is in constant need of blood donors to support its mission of supplying blood to servicemembers overseas and the patients at the hospital. This is especially difficult with the current fleet operational tempo and constant Marine rotation to Iraq.

Cpl. Shawn Dickson/Chevron



Depot facilities maintenance staff roll a World War II era jeep, which is one of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Command Museum's original displays, onto a forklift Nov. 17, to move it to another room in preparation of a future World War II exhibit. "Nobody knew how it got there in the first place since none of our current employees were on the staff at that time," said Barbara McCurtis, museum director. Chuck Archuleta, a museum exhibit specialist, suggested they remove an outside safety rail and roll the jeep outside the room through the double doors and onto a forklift for the move. The jeep was used during World War II by the 6th Division Navajo Code Talkers. The museum plans to open the new World War II exhibit early next year. Photo courtesy Barbara McCurtis/MCRDSD Command Museum

## BRIEFS

### Holiday Concert

The commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, will host the annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Concert featuring Marine Band San Diego Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

### Pre-pigout workout

Depot personnel are invited to burn up to 1,000 calories for a guilt free Thanksgiving holiday tomorrow from 8 to 11 a.m., at the Fitness Center. The workout starts with a spin class from 8 to 9:30 a.m., then combat conditioning class from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Food, drinks and prizes will be featured. For information, call (619)524-4427.

### Santa at the Main Exchange Mall

Santa Claus will be at MCRD San Diego at the Main Exchange Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. He will return to the mall Saturday and Sunday, and on Dec. 6, 13, 16 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring out the youngsters for pictures and a visit. Live entertainment, music and refreshments will be provided. For information, call (619) 725-6400.

### Annual car show and Toys for Tots Benefit

The depot will host the MCRD Car Show and Toys for Tots Benefit Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Recreation Center parking lot. Free and open to the public, the event will feature music, food and awards. For information, call (619) 524-5240.

### Financial Brown Bag Lunch Seminar

The next Personal Financial Brown Bag Lunch Seminar, "Tax Planning: How to Reduce Your Taxes & Increase Your Refunds," will be held Dec. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Marine & Family Services' classroom, Bldg. 14. A free light lunch buffet will be served but attendees may bring their own lunch. To register, call (619) 524-5728.

### Flu vaccine

The flu vaccine is mandatory for military personnel. The depot Branch Medical Clinic is offering flu shots and mist to all TRICARE beneficiaries who work aboard the base. The vaccine is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Staff Health. Call (619) 524-1565 for information. For eligible beneficiaries not working aboard the depot, call (619) 532-5358 for information on availability at other branch clinics.

### Navigating the Special Ed process

Navigating the Special Education Process informational seminar will be offered to active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD employees, their dependents and guests from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Family Readiness Classroom, Bldg. 6E. For information, call (619) 524-8032.

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# Showing our thanks at Thanksgiving

BY LT. CMDR. RONALD R. RINGO  
Command Chaplain

In the tradition of our early Pilgrims, we will soon celebrate Thanksgiving which is a perfect time to reflect on the things for which we each are grateful. Probably, like many of you, the past year has been one filled with many of the stressors we can experience in this life. Yet, there is also a lot of evidence of the many blessings that we so freely enjoy. In everything we ought to be thankful.

When we take a look around and see those who seem to exhibit peace within them, and seem to enjoy more of life, even with the normal daily struggles, we find that they tend to be those who acknowledge their blessings and show gratitude.

Most of us enjoy being around these people. Sometimes we don't even recognize why, but it is most likely due to their grateful outlook on life. They take in and appreciate the little things. They take time to enjoy a run on the beach at dawn and watch the beautiful sunrise, or recognize the joy of children playing and the beauty of nature, and then desire to share it with those around them. I have been trying to do this more in my life; to take in and appreciate all that is around me so freely given.

With the holiday season beginning, I wanted to share a message of thanks and giving. In the Bible, the Apostle Paul says, "In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God." Giving thanks is an expression of a heart full of gratitude, a heart

full of love. In good relationships we can express gratitude by being thoughtful and considerate, by demonstrating our thanks with love to those around us.

At the end of the Operation Iraqi Freedom I, I was able to travel from ship to ship and ride home on ships filled with Marines and sailors returning from Iraq. I heard great expressions of love and appreciation for the simple and little things of home. I hope we can remember and continue to appreciate the things we learned from the experience of being away from our blessings of home due to war and deployments.

We who serve in the military, who deploy now and then, or regularly, might want to receive this awakening by arranging some time for our spouse to get away for a couple of days, and take over their responsibilities. I have had many women come for counseling say, "I wish my husband really appreciated the things I do around the home."

A story by Ruth C. Ikerman shares this message. It is entitled, "Thankful Tongues."

*On Thanksgiving morning I stepped to the fence and said to my neighbor, "I'm so glad you live next door to me." She looked up with a surprised smile on her face and said, "Thank you so very much. Nobody ever said that to me before." Surely all her neighbors had often thought this about my next-door neighbor, for her kindnesses on routine days of the year were varied.*

*She would pick up the newspaper and put it on the porch when someone was going to be*

*late coming home, so that the paper wouldn't be carried off by stray dogs. She could be counted on to turn off the water if a mischievous child began to play with the garden hose in the owner's absence. Yes, she was a fine neighbor, and many had reasons to be glad for the blessing of her personality. Yet when I took time to tell her in simple words that I was thankful she lived next door, she seemed so surprised and happy - as if I had handed her an unexpected amount of money.*

*This year as Thanksgiving approaches, I am wondering if there are others who need to hear a statement of the obvious. Should I speak a word to my doctor, lawyer, and merchant?*

The emotion of gratitude that we regrettably keep hidden during much of the rest of the year has opportunity to come plainly into view when Thanksgiving Day approaches. In the true spirit of the season, we come to know the happiness spoken of in the Bible: "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Proverbs 15:23.) Thankful tongues can encourage a neighbor or a loved one and show gratitude to God for his blessings.

It is my hope and prayer that with the great experience we just went through in the freedoms to vote and serve a free people, and all the other blessings we enjoy daily, in this free land our Pilgrims established, that we truly reflect on how grateful we should really be. Take the time to sit quietly and ponder how you can express that gratitude to those around you more regularly. Have a wonderful Holiday.



# Marine recruiters and Marines-to-be assist Hurricane Ike victims

BY SGT. BRIAN KESTER  
RS Fort Worth

The third most destructive hurricane to make landfall in the United States, Hurricane Ike, left havoc in its wake. The path of destruction left by the category 2 hurricane left 96 people dead, 202 missing and caused more than \$27 billion in damages in the United States alone.

While Ike was doing it damage, many people felt compelled to assist those who sought refuge in the Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, areas including Marines.

As the hurricane began to impact the local area, Master Sgt. Tyronne Mitchell, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Recruiting Substation Arlington, Recruiting Station Fort Worth, was making plans to cancel a monthly Delayed Entry Program function as the weather was looking too dismal to safely continue. The DEP is an actual enlistment into the inactive reserves, with an agreement to report for active duty at a specific time in the future.

“One of the poolees (DEP members) mentioned helping out with Hurricane Ike relief and suddenly a light bulb clicked on,” said Mitchell.

Emily Getzschman, director of Communications and Government Relations for the American Red Cross, Chisholm Trail Chapter, helped RSS Arlington team make their idea a reality.

“After Hurricane Ike made landfall, there was grave concern about the path it would take as it headed north,” Getzschman said. “There was a

threat of it hitting the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and causing severe flooding.”

The Marines and poolees worked in the driving rain.

“The bulk of what we did was to load meals onto trucks for delivery to those in need” Mitchell said. Mitchell sent a poolee and two Marines to distribute supplies at the remote places where the people were stranded.

“As Marines, we don’t just take care of things overseas. We take care of things at home too, and to me that was the most important thing,” said Mitchell.

Getzschman said she thought their actions exemplified what it means to serve ones country.

“It was great having the support of the Marines during hurricane relief efforts,” she said. “By showing their commitment to the community, I think it inspires others to do the same.”

Mitchell agreed by saying events like this foster a sense of ownership in the community for the poolees and the Marines.

“It reenergized the poolees to be a part of something that helped so many people,” said Mitchell, who said he is planning similar charitable events in the near future.

“We actually got some referrals from people in the community,” he said, adding that people were impressed seeing that the poolees were out there contributing when did not have to.

“More often than not, we take from our community and this is a good chance for us to give something back,” Mitchell said.



Master Sgt. Tyronne Mitchell, left, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Recruiting Fort Worth, Texas, explains to poolees their mission to assist relief efforts following Hurricane Ike in September, at the American Red Cross warehouse in Arlington, Texas. Poolees, left to right; are Oscar Parra, Shawn Ruby, Zachary Glazeand Paul Magallanes.  
Sgt. Brian Kester/RS Fort Worth



Marines and Delayed Entry Program members from Recruiting Substation Arlington, Recruiting Station Fort Worth, Texas, seek shelter from the rain in the American Red Cross warehouse in Arlington, Texas, while preparing to contribute to Hurrican Ike relief efforts by distributing meals to victims of the storm. Sgt. Brian Kester/RS Fort Worth

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Recruit, Platoon 2167, crawls through a tunnel during the Night Infiltration Course Nov. 18. While negotiating the course, recruits are required to carry 25-pound ammunition cans to resupply friendly forces at the end of the course. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*



Recruits crawl under a wire obstacle so other members of his



After negotiating the wire, recruits wait for the other members of their fireteam to join them so they could continue through the course. Ensuring the members of their fireteam stay together is one of the responsibilities of all recruits during the movement through the course. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*

# Recruits Copeland's Fireteam Infiltration Course

Recruits provide cover for each other as they use individual techniques to negotiate the course moving from a covered position, through an obstacle, to the next covered position. Recruits run through the course in four-man fireteams. They exit an amphibious assault vehicle then alternate taking cover, providing cover for each other. They move forward across an area toward the course's obstacles, which include crawling under barbed and concertina wire; jumping over trenches; scaling a wall and crawling through a tunnel. Recruits must complete all of this while carrying 25 pound ammunition cans filled with sand to simulate having to resupply at the end of the course. Typically all of this takes place as field instructors control a pair of powered rifles located next to the course to simulate automatic fire and boomer pits simulate artillery explosions, adding a sense of feel to the training evolution. However, due to extremely dry conditions the simulated weapons were not used in order to prevent the chance of starting a fire. The sounds of battle were absent due to the danger of fire, so instructors intensified the output of "motivation", screaming encouragement to the groups of recruits to ensure that they safely traverse the obstacles. The shouts of the instructors helped create a stressful and confusing environment for the recruits that would otherwise be provided by simulated weapons systems. "We want to simulate, as close as we can, the stress of combat that recruits will face once they have completed recruit training and transition to the operating forces," said Wisniewski. "Not all of the recruits will end up in a combat environment, but if they do we want them to be able to succeed under pressure."



A fireteam of recruits prepare to climb out of a trench obstacle during the Night Infiltration Course as part of the Crucible, a 54-hour training event that tests everything the recruits have learned during 13 weeks of recruit training. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*



# Odyssey ends, Marine Corps adventure begins

BY LANCE CPL. PAUL MATTHEW BROWN  
*Chevron Staff*

Few people would turn down the chance of being drafted by the Houston Astros straight out of high school; only to go on a religious mission, and later return to college baseball. Even fewer would then immediately leave three and a half years of college to go work in Africa. And after all that adventure, become a Marine.

At 28 years of age, Pfc. Robert S. Burns of Platoon 2161, Company H, has been living life one adventure at a time since he was a child.

When Burns was growing up, he had picked up essential traits from his entrepreneur father, Joe L. Burns, who always had a hard work ethic Burns said. He also said his mother, Pam J. Burns, took great care and interest in her family his entire life.

“If it weren’t for my parents, besides the fact that I wouldn’t be alive, I don’t think I would have gained the professional work ethic that has helped me do well in my life,” said Burns. “It was my experiences with my parents that made me who I was and opened up opportunities to new experiences that have made me who I am.”

As a top athlete at Bingham High School in South Jordan, Utah, Burns played football, wrestled, golfed and particularly excelled at baseball.

“I was blessed to be drafted by the Houston Astros out of high school,” Burns said. “I decided I wanted to go to college at Dixie State College in St. George, Utah instead.”

Burns soon went to Dixie State

College where he played for the Rebels on the baseball team. Although Burns thought school was more important than going straight to the major leagues baseball, he left college after only one year and decided it was time to go on a religious mission.

This mission brought him to England where he lived and performed Mormon missionary work for two years.

However, being gone for two years didn’t mark the end of Burns’ schooling or baseball career. He soon returned to Dixie State College and continued playing baseball for them for another year.

“I was a pretty big prospect coming out of Dixie State, and it had been projected that I would get drafted (into the major leagues) within the top five rounds for a couple hundred thousand dollars,” Burns said. “Fortunately, it didn’t work out like that, and I was able to sign with the University of Alabama.”

After playing baseball for the University of Alabama for a year, Burns’ baseball career was coming to an end.

“After my time at the University of Alabama, I was considered to old to be drafted anymore,” said Burns. “I kind of retired from the game of baseball and finished at the University of Utah, where I redshirted for their team.”

Redshirting is participating academically at the school and practicing with the baseball team, but not playing in games due to their redshirt status, allowing one more season of eligibility for the player.

Although Burns’ time playing baseball for a team was done, his involvement with the sport continued in the form of giving lessons to others



**Pfc. Robert S. Burns, Company H, Platoon 2161, stands in front of his barracks at Edson Range after being awarded the title Marine. Despite the fact that the recruits of Company H had completed the Crucible that morning and became Marines, they rested for only a short time so that they could prepare for movement back to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Wednesday’s graduation.** *Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron*

who played.

During his time giving baseball lessons, Burns met someone that inspired him to go on an adventure to Africa.

“While I was over there for those months, we worked with villagers, providing them with work and building schools,” Burns said. “It was a lesson in poverty, disease, power and corruption.”

Burns saw things he had never seen before and yearned to learn more about the world.

There was an itch to get out and see things like that and gain a better perspective said Burns. This experience, as well as the fact that the military had always been an option for Burns, prompted him to begin looking at his next adventure.

“I had always wanted to be a Navy SEAL when I was young, but never took it that seriously,” said Burns. “I have a few friends who were Marines and they had told me about the brotherhood mind set of the Corps and the pride that comes with the title and it got me

thinking harder about that option”

When 28-year-old Burns found out the cut-off age to become a Marine was also 28, it didn’t take long before he made his decision and arrived at recruit training.

“The mind set I have gained from coming this far in my life and recruit training has been nothing short of a great experience,” said Burns. “I just feel blessed that I was able to be the guide for my platoon, 2161, which is also the honor platoon!”

After Burns’ graduates from recruit training, he says he will set off on his next adventure at the School of Infantry in the Infantry Training Battalion. He also said he later hopes to become a reconnaissance Marine, hopefully go into Force Recon, and then begin what he called his last adventure.

“I hope to be blessed with a family; I think that’s going be my last adventure,” Burns said. “In my experiences I have learned that the future is hard to tell, so I will just have to keep on going and see who I become from these experiences and what I choose to do next.”



**Pfc. Burns, the Guide of Platoon 2161 which was also the company honor platoon, keeps his competitive edge by doing some proper pull ups. “It isn’t that hard to be polite and put out a little extra; it takes me a long way,” Burns said.** *Lance Cpl. Paul Matthew Brown/Chevron*

## Retired Brig. Gen. John J. Krasovich

### PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Born in May 1928, in Pueblo, Col., Retired Brig. Gen. John J. Krasovich graduated from Adams State College, Alamosa, Col., in 1951, with bachelor’s degree in education. Upon graduation from college, he joined the Marine Corps and went through recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. He successfully completed the Officer Candidate Course and was commissioned a second lieutenant in September 1951.

Following graduation from The Basic School, he reported

for duty at Camp Pendleton, Calif. In August 1952, he joined the 1st Marine Division in Korea, where he served as a platoon leader until he was released from active duty in March 1953. He then enrolled in Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., and obtained a master’s degree in education.

Since his release from active duty, he has served as platoon leader, executive officer and commanding officer with selected Marine Corps Reserve units in Springfield, Mass.; Topeka, Kan.; and San Diego. From September 1969 to February 1972, he was the operations officer of the 16th Staff Group (Ground) Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, Naval Air Sta-

tion Miramar, Calif.

In February 1972, he was, appointed commanding officer, 4th Tank Battalion, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Naval Air Station Miramar, serving in this capacity until December 1973. He was then assigned as the executive officer, and later, commanding officer of Volunteer Training Unit 12-14, in San Diego from January 1974 until January 1976.

From January 1976 until October 1978, he was the group commander, 16th Staff Group (Ground), MCRTC, NAS Miramar. He was then assigned as commanding officer of Mobilization Training Unit, CA-6, in San Diego. While in this assignment, he was selected

in February 1980 for promotion to brigadier general. He was promoted to that grade on July 1, 1980, and assigned as the assistant division commander, 4th Marine Division, New Orleans. In February 1981, he assumed additional duties as commanding general, 2nd Marine Amphibious Brigade.

On May 16, 1983, Brig. Gen. Krasovich’s designated mobilization assignment was commanding general, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center/Commanding General, 7th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Twentynine, Palms, Calif., and commanding general Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. He served in this capacity until his retirement on Aug. 1, 1984.

He has attended many top-

level military schools including the Defense-Strategy Seminar, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., and the Army War Colleges, Carlisle, Pa.

Brig. Gen. Krasovich is a past president of the H.M. Smith Chapter of the Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association, and past president of the Pacific Southwest Amateur Athletic Association.

In his civilian career, Brig. Gen. Krasovich was employed by the city of San Diego Park and Recreation Department. During his 36 years with the department, he was involved in numerous park projects, including Balboa and Mission Bay parks and the famous Torrey Pines Golf courses.





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Pvt. C. R. Beebe  
Pvt. S. A. Billings  
Pvt. W. R. Blade  
Pvt. J. J. Bosley  
Pvt. C. W. Bradford  
Pvt. D. J. Brown  
Pfc. M. R. Bruns  
Pvt. C. S. Buhler  
Pvt. J. O. Burchhardt  
Pvt. D. E. Burnett  
Pfc. R. S. Burns  
Pfc. Z. G. Carrell  
Pvt. K. I. Castro  
Pvt. C. M. Cervantes  
Pvt. B. L. Christensen  
Pvt. K. G. Coffey  
Pvt. J. A. Colmenero Jr.  
Pvt. C. M. Connolly  
Pvt. W. R. Contrata  
Pfc. A. Contreras  
Pvt. A. L. Coronado  
Pvt. P. S. David  
Pvt. C. C. Davis  
Pvt. K. T. Decker  
Pfc. W. F. Delaney  
Pvt. R. A. Domel  
\*Pfc. J. D. Drake  
\*Pfc. J. J. Eisenzimmer  
Pfc. S. Escutia Jr.  
Pvt. E. A. Espinoza  
Pfc. C. A. Estrada  
Pvt. J. R. Estrella-Sanchez  
\*Pfc. J. O. Featherston III  
Pvt. A. L. Fernandez-Garcia  
\*Pfc. J. M. Fong  
Pvt. D. R. Forrey  
Pvt. M. Fossum  
Pvt. J. T. Fraley  
Pvt. H. A. Freer IV  
Pvt. J. K. Frizzell  
Pvt. C. R. Gamblin  
Pvt. K. D. Giesking  
Pfc. M. J. Gonder  
Pvt. Y. D. Gontaryk  
Pvt. D. M. Gosh  
Pvt. E. L. Gray  
Pvt. J. D. Guzman Jr.  
Pfc. A. L. Hartman  
Pvt. D. M. Hartong  
Pvt. T. W. Hawk  
\*Pfc. B. D. Hendricks  
Pvt. S. A. Henrick Jr.  
Pfc. J. Herring  
\*Pfc. J. A. Hill  
Pvt. M. G. Howe  
Pfc. K. Humphries  
Pvt. I. G. Jackson  
Pvt. R. J. Janke  
Pvt. J. R. Jones  
Pfc. N. A. Kesterson  
Pvt. N. D. Key  
Pfc. A. J. Krikke  
Pfc. J. C. Kruse  
Pvt. J. I. Lamb  
Pvt. D. H. Lansing  
Pvt. B. A. Link  
Pvt. B. D. Lilly  
Pvt. F. Lule-Villanueva Jr.  
Pfc. J. P. Madrigal-Hernandez  
Pvt. W. E. Obrian  
Pvt. Z. K. Ratliff  
Pvt. N. J. Reoyo  
Pvt. S. X. Sanchez  
Pvt. C. K. Sybesma  
Pvt. C. J. Weiman  
Pfc. J. H. Wild

### PLATOON 2162

#### Senior Drill Instructors

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#### Drill Instructors

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Staff Sgt. T. A. Sanderson

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Pvt. R. S. Allan  
Pvt. R. A. Alvarado  
Pvt. A. L. Arneson  
Pvt. D. A. Ashton  
Pvt. J. L. Barnes  
Pvt. Z. J. Berg  
Pvt. J. D. Broom  
Pvt. G. R. Brown  
Pvt. J. I. Brumley  
Pvt. J. Z. Bunke  
Pvt. D. A. Burnette  
Pvt. T. E. Cafferty  
Pvt. A. Cantu Jr.  
Pvt. R. R. Castro-Garza  
Pvt. D. J. Chang  
Pfc. A. A. Clark  
Pvt. B. J. Clark  
Pvt. R. A. Cockrell  
Pvt. A. R. Cooke  
Pfc. M. S. Coons  
Pvt. D. L. Cox  
Pfc. D. R. Crump  
Pvt. K. D. Darst  
Pvt. D. Diaz Jr.  
Pvt. K. L. Ehman  
Pvt. R. K. France  
\*Pfc. L. E. Galindo Jr.  
Pvt. J. A. Galvan  
Pvt. S. F. Galvan  
Pvt. U. Gamez  
Pvt. A. L. Gibson  
Pvt. J. Grandits  
Pvt. T. W. Hamlett  
Pvt. J. J. Harber  
Pvt. B. W. Harvey II  
Pfc. B. T. Hawbaker  
Pvt. J. M. Haynes  
Pfc. C. D. Hays-Loft  
Pfc. T. O. Helms  
Pvt. Z. T. Hinna  
Pvt. J. B. Hunter  
Pvt. K. H. Icenhour  
Pfc. S. R. Jackson  
Pfc. R. K. Jennings  
Pvt. C. R. Jones  
Pvt. H. Jones  
Pvt. R. L. Jones  
Pvt. T. K. Jones  
Pvt. A. R. Kammerude  
Pvt. J. L. Kroetch  
Pvt. R. M. Lewis  
Pvt. M. T. Lightfoot  
Pvt. J. K. Liserio  
Pvt. D. J. Lode  
Pfc. D. Lopez  
Pfc. E. A. Lopez  
Pvt. D. Lu  
\*Pfc. Z. D. Lum  
Pfc. T. D. MacDuff  
Pfc. M. F. MacLeod  
Pvt. A. J. Mancino  
Pvt. P. J. Martinez  
Pvt. D. A. Marts  
Pvt. R. C. McAuley  
Pvt. J. W. McCall  
Pvt. C. McCarty  
\*Lance Cpl. D. S. McCrainey  
Pvt. T. Merle  
Pfc. A. J. Monroy  
Pfc. K. L. Monroy  
\*Pfc. K. J. Murray  
Pvt. I. R. Orta Jr.  
Pvt. L. C. Orta  
Pfc. D. D. Patterson  
\*Pfc. O. Pereira-Aviles  
Pvt. A. C. Pence-Williams  
Pfc. J. M. Scott  
Pvt. N. A. Sturrock  
Pfc. B. C. Thompson  
Pfc. D. J. Van Kampen  
Pvt. W. S. Wallace  
Pvt. P. J. White  
Pfc. A. P. Wilhelm

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*Senior Drill Instructors*  
Sgt. G. Erosa  
*Drill Instructors*  
Sgt. J. D. Ramirez  
Sgt. W. E. Satterfield

\*Pfc. T. A. Agee  
Pvt. D. J. Allen  
\*Pfc. C. R. Ashford  
Pvt. B. R. Atwell  
Pvt. N. K. Baley  
Pvt. D. Barnes  
Pvt. A. M. Bernd  
Pfc. M. W. Brennan  
Pfc. C. W. Brown  
Pvt. J. A. Canfield  
Pvt. B. H. Chance  
Pvt. J. D. Clark  
Pvt. N. P. Cowell  
Pfc. E. M. Craven  
Pvt. T. J. Criswell  
Pfc. A. A. Duckett  
Pvt. M. C. Emigh  
Pvt. T. R. England  
Pfc. B. M. Ertl

Pvt. J. D. Evans  
Pvt. J. K. Fatyga  
Pvt. R. A. Fleetwood  
Pvt. B. L. Frasher  
Pfc. T. A. Frizzle  
Pvt. M. Gajewski  
Pvt. J. P. Gilliam  
Pvt. J. R. Gladson  
Pvt. J. C. Goding  
Pvt. T. W. Gorski  
Pvt. M. H. Hunt  
Pvt. E. W. Ishnook  
Pvt. K. D. Johnson  
Pvt. J. C. Jones  
Pvt. L. D. Kahler  
Pvt. E. K. Keith  
Pvt. D. L. Kelley  
Pvt. R. Khafizov  
Pfc. Z. J. Kohler  
Pvt. M. J. Lechleiter  
Pvt. T. M. Lewis  
Pvt. L. L. Liesinger  
Pvt. D. A. Lozano  
Pvt. J. M. Lucas  
Pfc. J. W. Lynch  
Pvt. D. C. Mann  
Pfc. Z. L. Martin  
Pvt. D. A. McCarthur II  
\*Pfc. C. S. McCafferty  
Pvt. R. R. McCune  
Pvt. C. Miller  
\*Pfc. B. L. Mills  
\*Pfc. B. G. Monahan  
Pfc. B. M. Myers  
Pvt. J. R. Newkirk  
Pvt. N. L. Newton  
Pvt. S. E. Nieman  
Pvt. M. T. Nitke  
Pvt. B. O. Oleson  
Pvt. C. I. Palmerton  
Pvt. B. N. A. Plan  
Pvt. J. R. Proffitt  
Pvt. J. D. Poppe  
Pfc. D. C. Riegel  
Pfc. A. R. Roeder III  
Pvt. C. Z. Rogers  
Pvt. C. A. Sadowski  
Pvt. J. N. Salinas  
Pvt. J. C. Schamer  
Pvt. A. M. Schiaffino  
Pvt. J. W. Schmitt  
Pvt. A. A. Schuessler  
Pvt. A. J. Sether  
Pvt. J. K. Simpson  
Pvt. T. L. Stickle  
Pvt. B. L. Swaidner  
Pvt. B. L. Tackett  
Pvt. C. C. Turner  
Pvt. J. M. Underwood  
Pvt. R. D. Valdes  
Pvt. D. Velasquez  
Pvt. J. L. Watson  
\*Pfc. N. D. Wesley  
Pvt. C. A. Wiley Jr.  
Pvt. M. T. Willis

### SERIES 2165

#### Series Commander

Capt. J. B. Rehtmeyer

#### Chief Drill Instructor

Gunnery Sgt. R. Armendariz

### PLATOON 2165

#### Senior Drill Instructor

Gunnery Sgt. C. M. Glocke

#### Drill Instructors

Gunnery Sgt. M. N. Caldas

Gunnery Sgt. S. Santoro

Staff Sgt. P. J. Hannaway

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Pvt. D. Alvarado  
\*Pfc. J. D. Alvarez  
Pvt. E. E. Anaya Jr.  
Pfc. J. A. Angala  
Pfc. R. W. Argueta  
Pfc. R. L. Ballesteros Jr.  
Pfc. R. R. Blair  
Pvt. F. Blancas  
\*Pfc. A. Carbajal  
Pvt. L. A. Davis  
Pvt. M. D. de la Cruz  
Pfc. A. T. Denton  
Pfc. J. M. Dryer  
\*Pfc. M. A. Duncan  
Pvt. L. M. Engman  
Pvt. C. D. Fischenich  
Pvt. J. A. Freese  
Pfc. T. Garcia III  
Pfc. E. M. Guerrero-Bognoli  
Pfc. P. A. Guillen  
\*Pfc. G. Guzman  
Pvt. W. T. Haley  
Pvt. J. B. Harris  
Pvt. B. R. Hession  
Pvt. J. Hong  
Pfc. C. L. Jordan  
Pvt. M. A. Lara  
Pfc. T. A. Lewis  
Pvt. J. E. Licona  
\*Pfc. K. D. Lopez  
Pvt. E. S. Mann  
\*Pfc. J. J. Martinez  
Pvt. S. A. May  
Pfc. I. T. McGee  
Pvt. R. E. Mersino



Some Company H recruits apply face paint while others grab a bite to eat as they await instruction from field instructors at the Night Infiltration Course, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., During the Crucible Nov. 18. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*

Pvt. L. O. Meyers  
Pvt. J. C. Moon  
Pvt. R. S. Moore  
Pvt. S. Orozco  
Pvt. J. T. Ortega  
Pfc. D. M. Palafox  
Pvt. K. J. Person  
Pfc. J. M. Peterson  
Pvt. V. E. Pineda  
Pfc. D. J. Raber  
\*Pfc. R. M. Reyes  
Pvt. M. S. Rico  
Pvt. C. L. Ring-Saylor  
Pvt. J. C. Rivera  
Pfc. J. C. Rivera  
Pvt. R. Roman  
Pfc. A. V. Romero II  
Pvt. I. Romero  
Pvt. M. Rubalcava  
Pvt. A. Salamanca Jr.  
Pvt. G. A. Salgado  
Pfc. R. Sandoval  
Pfc. A. J. Schooler  
Pvt. R. D. Scott  
Pfc. J. Sivilyay  
Pvt. M. A. Spadafora  
Pfc. T. G. Steincartford  
Pvt. R. L. Swift  
Pvt. J. J. Tucci  
Pvt. L. A. Vasquez  
Pvt. M. R. Vasquez  
Pfc. J. A. Villalta  
Pvt. T. D. Wagner  
Pvt. S. R. Ward  
Pvt. T. K. Washburn-Moore  
Pvt. R. J. Weir III  
Pvt. B. L. Wigley  
Pvt. J. S. Wilson  
Pvt. N. J. Winjum  
Pfc. J. F. Wright  
Pvt. J. L. Wyman  
Pfc. R. L. Yuhas  
Pfc. J. M. Zagar  
Pvt. S. C. Zimmerman

### PLATOON 2166

#### Senior Drill Instructor

Staff Sgt. R. Acosta

#### Drill Instructors

Staff Sgt. F. J. Gonzalez

Sgt. M. J. Sanchez

Pfc. G. T. Abelia Jr.  
Pvt. S. R. Allen  
Pvt. J. Aparicio  
Pfc. W. R. Ascencio  
Pfc. M. Aunu  
Pfc. R. B. Baldonado  
\*Pfc. B. J. Barnard  
Pvt. B. R. Bergara  
Pvt. K. J. Blackburn  
Pvt. I. T. Borck  
Pvt. R. G. Bradshaw  
Pfc. B. E. Brown  
Pvt. R. E. Byers  
Pvt. R. Cabrera IV  
Pvt. J. R. Cain  
Pvt. T. M. Campana  
Pvt. J. L. Ceja Jr.  
Pvt. K. L. Clem  
Pvt. P. W. Collins  
Pvt. D. A. Dresner  
Pvt. P. Eisner  
Pvt. W. B. Ennis  
Pvt. D. J. Erickson  
Pvt. P. D. Escalante  
Pvt. L. J. Escobedo  
Pvt. Y. C. Fischer  
Pfc. C. J. Friesen  
Pvt. C. J. Frost  
Pvt. R. E. George

Pvt. S. D. Gippner  
\*Pfc. F. R. Godinez-Lara  
Pvt. S. J. Goodman  
Pvt. E. L. Guerrero  
Pvt. C. D. Guetersloh  
Pfc. B. P. Herzberg Jr.  
Pvt. L. C. Hicks  
Pvt. A. J. Hillman  
Pvt. S. R. Holloway  
Pfc. C. R. Hubbard  
\*Pfc. J. M. Ibbetson  
Pvt. S. M. Jahanguiri  
Pfc. G. A. Jamanila  
Pvt. A. C. Johnson  
Pvt. J. T. Johnson  
Pvt. S. P. Johnson  
Pvt. J. J. Kanally  
Pvt. D. J. Keeling  
Pfc. A. B. Krikorian  
Pvt. M. Y. Kuo  
Pvt. C. D. Larsen  
Pvt. L. S. Lonon  
Pvt. M. P. Lopez  
\*Pfc. C. S. Louie  
Pvt. E. M. Mata III  
Pvt. P. A. Mayer  
Pvt. M. D. McBride  
Pvt. R. L. McEntire  
Pfc. C. O. McLean  
Pvt. M. Mejia-Osorio  
Pvt. M. Mendoza  
Pfc. A. M. Meyer  
Pvt. R. J. Montoya  
\*Pfc. S. R. Moore  
Pvt. S. A. Morales  
Pvt. R. J. Moreno  
\*Pfc. R. M. Newton  
Pvt. J. D. Noe Jr.  
Pfc. E. Z. Nordhagen-Sorenson  
Pvt. C. S. Noyndhidros  
Pvt. C. Ocampo  
Pvt. J. M. Ortega  
Pfc. D. N. Peterson  
Pvt. R. A. Ramos  
Pfc. R. P. Sanglaphermis  
Pfc. J. I. Sannicolas  
Pvt. D. M. Smith  
Pvt. A. Solano  
Pfc. A. S. Sran  
Pfc. J. S. Strand  
Pvt. M. A. Vickery  
Pvt. M. W. Vaughn  
Pvt. J. M. Zarate

### PLATOON 2167

#### Senior Drill Instructor

Staff Sgt. F. Rafael

#### Drill Instructors

Staff Sgt. G. Rosas

Sgt. E. Gonzalez

Sgt. C. J. Requejo

Sgt. N. Vega

Pvt. S. L. Aguinaga  
Pvt. S. C. Alcantar  
Pfc. B. R. Ballinger  
Pvt. J. R. Beny IV  
Pvt. N. E. Brinkley  
Pvt. J. L. Ceja Jr.  
Pvt. K. L. Clem  
Pvt. P. W. Collins  
Pvt. D. A. Dresner  
Pvt. P. Eisner  
Pvt. W. B. Ennis  
Pvt. D. J. Erickson  
Pvt. P. D. Escalante  
Pvt. L. J. Escobedo  
Pvt. Y. C. Fischer  
Pfc. C. J. Friesen  
Pvt. C. J. Frost  
Pvt. R. E. George

\*Pfc. J. A. Flores  
Pvt. Z. T. Gaines  
Pvt. J. L. Garner  
Pvt. K. G. Greene  
Pfc. E. A. Greenzow  
Pvt. E. Guzman  
Pvt. M. R. Harris  
Pfc. J. C. Kirk  
Pvt. N. A. Knabb  
\*Pfc. S. J. Lampa  
Pvt. A. D. Ledonne  
Pvt. T. J. Lenhart III  
Pvt. G. S. Liphard  
Pvt. D. A. Mason  
Pvt. J. N. Maupin  
Pvt. J. C. McElyea  
\*Pfc. G. I. McFadden  
Pvt. J. McIlwaine  
Pvt. R. McIlwaine  
\*Pfc. L. L. McNeal Jr.  
Pvt. S. A. Morales  
Pvt. P. D. Patino  
Pvt. N. A. Parker  
Pvt. T. A. Payne-Stinson  
Pvt. A. D. Price  
Pvt. C. J. Priest  
Pfc. J. L. Rainey  
Pvt. B. A. Rodgers  
Pvt. J. G. Rodriguez  
Pvt. J. R. Roldan  
Pfc. W. Z. Sabo  
Pvt. J. M. Sarabia  
Pvt. G. B. Sholes  
Pvt. E. Sierras-Calixto  
Pvt. S. L. Simms  
Pfc. B. C. Smithly  
Pvt. C. B. Smith  
Pvt. D. S. Stendal  
Pvt. S. M. Taylor  
Pfc. C. J. Tejada  
Pvt. N. M. Thom  
Pvt. M. D. Thompson  
Pvt. J. M. Utz  
Pvt. F. M. Valdez  
Pvt. L. Valdez  
Pvt. S. D. van Newkirk  
Pvt. R. J. Villanueva  
Pvt. M. D. Vincent  
Pvt. N. E. Voll  
Pvt. D. R. Waldock  
Pvt. J. J. Walters  
Pvt. R. D. Ward  
Pfc. K. A. Weaver  
Pvt. B. M. Webb  
Pfc. M. R. Whitman  
Pvt. A. T. Williams  
Pvt. B. L. Williams  
Pvt. J. P. Williams  
\*Pfc. L. A. Wipper  
Pfc. G. A. Witcher

### PLATOON 2168

#### Senior Drill Instructor

Staff Sgt. E. Partida

#### Drill Instructors

Staff Sgt. J. Chanhdysoth

Sgt. A. J. Martinez

Sgt. J. K. McNatt

Sgt. C. E. Valle

Pvt. G. F. Burnham  
Pfc. M. J. Dahir  
Pvt. J. Gomez  
Pvt. M. J. Kuder  
Pvt. J. Limon  
Pfc. T. J. Loader  
Pvt. M. S. Lorah  
Pvt. P. I. Manchengo  
\*Pfc. M. Madayag III  
Pvt. A. T. Magana Jr.  
Pfc. U. F. Maka

Pvt. M. L. Martin  
Pfc. A. K. Mason  
Pvt. O. J. McConnell  
Pvt. B. L. McGahan  
\*Pfc. T. McGuire  
Pvt. C. Miller  
\*Pfc. B. K. Minaya  
Pvt. M. Morales  
Pvt. J. M. Morrison  
Pvt. E. S. Murillo  
Pfc. A. Murillo Jr.  
\*Pfc. G. Muro  
Pfc. M. J. Nelson  
Pvt. P. T. Nguyen  
Pvt. E. M. Norwood  
Pfc. A. E. Nunez  
Pfc. A. A. Obaidi  
Pfc. J. A. Oberlander  
Pvt. G. T. Ochoa  
Pvt. V. Pacheco  
Pvt. D. D. Palacios  
Pvt. P. D. Patino  
Pfc. T. A. Plyushko  
Pvt. A. M. Poellnitz  
Pvt. G. J. Polimeni  
Pfc. E. J. Quintero  
Pvt. D. J. Reeder  
Pvt. G. R. Rice  
Pvt. J. D. Ridd  
Pvt. K. R. Riley  
Pvt. C. R. Robertson  
Pvt. C. A. Rodriguez  
Pvt. J. L. Rodriguez  
Pvt. C. P. Rowan  
Pvt. T. A. Ruth  
Pvt. D. Saiz Jr.  
Pvt. G. F. Salazar  
Pvt. E. Sanchez  
Pvt. D. E. Scherr  
Pfc. J. J. Schlecht  
Pfc. K. W. Schlick  
Pfc. A. R. Sindermann  
Pvt. K. M. Singh  
Pfc. K. T. Smidt  
Pvt. R. D. Smith Jr.  
Pvt. R. G. Stamper  
Pvt. J. C. Starbird  
\*Pfc. K. R. Stephenson  
Pvt. J. R. Tholen  
Pvt. S. Thomas  
Pfc. S. J. Tipton  
Pvt. S. C. Trujillo  
Pvt. J. M. Velazquez  
Pvt. M. A. Velez  
\*Pfc. C. Villagomez Jr.  
Pvt. J. A. Washington  
Pvt. D. D. Weier  
Pvt. R. W. Wellons  
Pvt. S. A. Westray  
Pfc. B. J. Whitmore  
Pvt. T. R. Whitted  
Pvt. P. L. Wilds  
Pvt. C. E. Wilmoth  
Pvt. R. W. Wilson  
Pvt. S. L. Wilson  
Pvt. M. M. Wirtanen  
Pvt. N. W. Wisocki  
Pvt. S. A. Wright  
Pvt. N. Xiong  
Pvt. S. L. Zamarron  
Pvt. D. J. Znava

\*Denotes meritorious promotion



# Hundreds trot across depot in annual Turkey Trot race

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT  
*Chevron staff*

More than 1,500 civilians and service members participated in the annual Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Turkey Trot Nov. 21 which was hosted by the Marine Corps Community Services.

More than 20 of the volunteers were from the Veterans Village of San Diego. “Without all of our volunteers we couldn’t host the Turkey Trot,” said Kelly Sitar, deputy director of

Semper Fit.

Volunteers helped distribute food and treats as well as T-shirts that every registered participant received.

In addition to the 5K fun run, participants indulged in drinks, sandwiches and pumpkin pie after the race. Participants were also given the opportunity to complete in a pie eating contest. Small prizes were given at various booths, but the main raffle featured a Playstation portable kit, video camcorder, golf clubs and San Diego Chargers tickets.

A few volunteers were designated to

support the holiday food drive by collecting items needed for gift baskets that will be delivered to Marines and their families this year.

Another vendor booth was dedicated to the Great American Smoke-out, which was established to encourage tobacco users to quit smoking by giving away tobacco-free T-shirts and bracelets.

“It was great because a lot of people were running at a good pace and it was a short enough distance to be really competitive,” said Joel Coito, the second place runner.

Christopher Willis, 25, was the first to finish the race with a time of 16 minutes, 40 seconds. Coito finished second with 16:48. The first woman to finish was Becki McClintock with 18:15.

The age groups for the race were split every five years from one to 60. The youngest participant was one-year-old and the oldest was 87-years-old.

“It was really hard but fun,” said Alex Nachreiner, 11, who was one of the first of the youngest group to finish the race. “I feel really good now and I’m ready to eat.”



More than 1,500 runners participated in this year’s Turkey Trot fun run Nov. 21. The leading runner finished the five kilometer run in 16-minutes, 40-seconds, while the first woman to cross the finish line made the distance in 18:15. The picture above is from the 2007 Turkey Trot. *Official Marine Corps photo*

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subjects such as local, state and federal laws as well as the Uniform Code of Military Justice, weapons familiarization and qualification, physical fitness and professional conduct, according to Ted Borkowski, the lead instructor of the Miramar academy.

“Our goal at the academy is to turn out officers who are professional, and work hand in hand with the Marine Corps,” said Borkowski, a former Marine officer and former San Diego Police Department officer. “They must pass physical fitness tests and qualify with weapons like Marines and are expected to maintain the professionalism of Marines as well.”

The depot is still currently hiring and looking for possible candidates for officers. Each installation is in charge of the hiring and interviewing process, according to Master Sgt. Rick Jones, the provost sergeant for the depot.

“We hire and interview prospects before they are sent to the academy,” Jones said. “Once they come back from the academy they go through our field training program where they learn more about operations that are specific to our base such as recruit handling and dealing with the increase in traffic and personnel on graduation day.”

The Marine Corps Civilian Police Academy at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., is where the depot trains and receives its civilian officers. About 40 officers have graduated since its first class in May 2008.

Miramar’s academy is scheduled to be the West Coast Regional Academy for all prospective police officers at western military installations for the program around March 2009.

Once assigned to bases, the officers have the same jobs as military police. Officers can have duties such as patrol officer, military working dog handler, desk sergeant, physical security inspector and investigator to name a few.

The officers working on the depot are considered general service employees. Former

Marines and civilians who meet requirements have the opportunity to be hired as police officers.

“It’s good meeting people every day and the training has been great,” said Jose Ruiz, a depot civilian police officer and former Marine. “We go more in depth with our training than some of the military policemen.”



Jose Ruiz, a police officer with the depot’s Provost Marshal’s Office checks IDs of those entering the facility Nov. 20 at Gate 4. Ruiz is currently one of seven civilian police officers on the depot as part of the new Marine Corps Civilian Police program. *Cpl. Kevin M. Knallay/Chevron*



The annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots toy collection program continues until Dec. 21. Collected toys are distributed to children in the local community for Christmas. Collection boxes are distributed around the depot, and exhibit the official toy train logo. Give a new toy and help make a Merry Christmas for others.